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external protective envelope.

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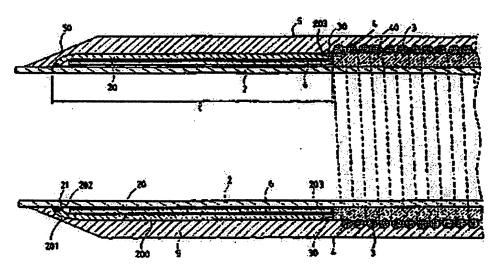
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BASIC ABSTRACT:

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NOVELTY - The pipe (1) has an external envelope (4) with an intermediate annular layer (3) of insulating material surrounding an internal tube (2) of the pipe. The method includes winding a non-elastic wire (40) around

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the insulating material in a spiral so the spirals join to form the envelope with its mechanical properties protecting the intermediate layer.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - The insulating material of the intermediate layer is a high porosity micro porous material with open pores forming a coherent 3-dimensional structure, giving sufficient flexibility to be wound around the internal tube. The round section wire is steel with a density greater than six. The wire is wound under conditions so that the wire is non-elastic and the moment force applied is insufficient to damage the insulating layer. Winding the wire around the internal tube and insulating layer is done by rotating the tube about a first horizontal axis. The wire is supplied on a bobbin turning freely about a second horizontal axis and guides between the bobbin and the rotating tube exert a force at the tube which passes the elastic limit of the wire and pulls sufficiently little on the insulating material that it is not crushed or damaged. The moment is obtained by lengthening the vertical guide to provide a lifting arm to obtain the desired moment. The internal tube is covered by at least one layer of insulating material and the armor by a sealing layer (5) of elasto-plastic material, preferably polyolefin-based such as a polyethylene resin. The wire is partly embedded in the insulating material. The external sealing layer covers the outside of the wire spirals. The insulating material is a mixture of silica powder and ceramic reinforcement fibers, compacted in a coherent 3-dimensional structure with high porosity and open pores contained in an envelope which is not gas-tight, in the form of self-supporting bands which can be rolled onto the internal tube. The external layer also covers the connections between successive pipes, where the ends of the wires can be advantageously welded together.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{USE}}$ - In particular for constructing submarine pipelines to carry petroleum products.

ADVANTAGE - Ensuring good quality insulation.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - Schematic section of lagged pipe.

Internal tube 2

Insulating layer 3

External armor envelope 4

Sealing layer 5

Wire 40

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